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Subject: changes

I have been providing diabetes education one-on-one in pts' homes as a Nurse Care Manager with CCNC since 2004; we provide care management to Carolina Access Medicaid recipients. Wouldn't it be great, if for once, the powers that be that make decisions would want to know what goes on in the real world? I was excited to know there would be a change from the Prodigy meter because I thought nothing could be worse! Wrong !!! A rep from Roche was at our last CCNC Regional meeting to demonstrate what our pts are now going to have to use. We are degreasing because here we are back to a meter that has to be coded & a lancing device that sucks! When your pts reply to your question with "what do you mean by coding", you know what kind of blood glucose results they have been getting. For years I have favored the Bayer Contour meter & their Microlet lancing device; no coding, simple & reliable to use. And what about the negative impact this change will have on NC mail order businesses? For years I have found one in particular, Carolina Diabetic Supply Group out of New Bern, to be worth supporting due to their integrity & personalized service to our pts. They bend over backwards to fulfill the needs of pts, often at a financial loss because pt care is what is important to them as a company. This deserves another look-see; this picture is just not right !!

Thank you for allowing me to voice my opinions.

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